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Council to vote on IG bill

Independent voice. The controversial bill would install an inspector general who would have oversight of the city's police department and would expand the categories protected against racial profiling. **Harsh critics.** Mayor Michael Bloomberg and NYPD Commissioner Ray Kelly oppose the move. **On the fast track.** A full vote is expected by the council either Wednesday or Thursday of this week.

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Ben Cohen, co-founder of Ben & Jerry's ice cream, is on a mission to stamp out unlimited corporate cash in politics. He will hand out dollar bills in Union Square today. / AARON ADLER

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"The best way to make young black males stop feeling targeted in their neighborhoods is to make sure we're not doing anything wrong."

MAYOR MICHAEL BLOOMBERG

Crime chronicles

Queens teen arrested in fatal stabbing

A Queens teenager has been arrested in connection with the stabbing death of another Queens teen over the weekend, police said.

Andrew Benitez, 17, has been charged with second-degree murder and criminal possession of a weapon.

Benitez allegedly stabbed Aaron Jefferson, 18, once in the back on 89th Avenue in Jamaica at about 10:20 p.m. on Saturday, police said. Jefferson, of Rosedale, was pronounced dead at Jamaica Hospital.

LAURA SHIN

Billing practices

NYC to audit Navigant

New York City Comptroller John Liu said he would audit the billing practices of consulting firm Navigant Consulting, after a state commission found evidence of questionable billing practices and a "revolving door" relationship with state-owned utility Long Island Power Authority.

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo said on Sunday that he would ask federal prosecutors to review a report that found "breathtaking waste and inefficiency" in the utility's dealings with Navigant.

"The report of a state commission finding possible fraud by the consultant Navigant on contracts servicing the Long Island Power Authority shows the folly of the Bloomberg administration's policy of outsourcing city work to high-paid consultants," Liu said in a statement.

Last week, New York approved legislation to mostly dismantle the utility, which was criticized for an inept response to superstorm Sandy.

REUTERS



Ben Cohen, co-founder of Ben & Jerry's, will be passing out stamped dollar bills in Union Square this afternoon. / AARON ADLER

Ice cream mogul to hand out cash today

Corporate cash.

The Ben & Jerry's co-founder will be in Union Square giving out dollars.

vanize support for state legislation to counter the Supreme Court Citizens United decision that made corporate political donations protected as free speech.

"Money in politics is really the root of all the problems that we've got in this country," said Cohen.

Cohen will be in Union Square from noon to 2 p.m. today to hand out some dollar bills and to mark other people's with a stamp declaring them "not to be used for bribing politicians."

Cohen, the "Ben" of Ben & Jerry's, is traveling the country with his "Amendomatic" to gal-

Undue influence

"Essentially, corporations and the wealthiest .01 percent are paying politicians hundreds of thousands of dollars to pass legislation that benefits them at the expense of everyone else." Ben Cohen

According to Cohen, 120 Congress members are already on board with a Constitutional amendment to counteract Citizens United.

Cohen said he would be happy with an amendment saying corporations are not people and money

is not free speech."

A public financing amendment failed in the New York State Senate last week because pols could not unify behind it.

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Councilman Greenfield is offering a \$1,000 reward. / WILLIAM ALATRISTE

Graffiti. Councilman offers reward in hate crime investigation

Brooklyn Councilman David Greenfield is offering a \$1,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person responsible for leaving anti-Semitic "hateful graffiti" on the front door of Community Board 12's district office.

According to a source, the graffiti said, "Jewish

pigs." Community Board 12 serves a predominantly Jewish area.

"Once again, our community finds itself targeted by a cowardly individual who thinks nothing of spreading vile, hateful rhetoric against the Jewish community," the councilman said. DANIELLE TCHOLAKIAN

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Inspector general bill pushed forward in city

Full vote. The two bills would establish an NYPD Inspector General and strengthen a racial-profiling bill.

Despite pleas from Republican members, the City Council approved yesterday afternoon a motion to discharge an anti-bias profiling bill and inspector general bill, bypassing the Public Safety Committee.

Public Safety Committee Chair Peter Vallone had previously refused to bring the bills to a vote in his committee.

One bill would establish an inspector general over the NYPD, and another would expand the categories protected against profiling by the NYPD. Mayor Michael Bloom-



Ray Kelly opposes the bill. / DANIELLE TCHOLAKIAN

ILL-CONCEIVED NOTION

"If you think our partners will stand idly by to a review of their own sensitive operations by an ill-conceived notion of an inspector general, think again." Kelly

the bills can be voted on separately.

For example, Quinn has said she will vote for an inspector general, but against the anti-bias profiling bill.

If the bills pass, Mayor Michael Bloomberg has the option to veto them. However, the Council can override his veto.

Bloomberg and Police Commissioner Ray Kelly spoke out against the bills before the discharge vote.

The bills will now be put to a vote by the full council tomorrow or Thursday, a spokesperson from Speaker Quinn's office said.

Even though they are packaged together as the Community Safety Act,

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A funeral for the actor James Gandolfini will take place on Thursday morning in New York. / GETTY IMAGES

Funeral for Gandolfini will happen in NYC

Farewell. The 'Sopranos' actor will be laid to rest in a Morningside Heights cathedral.

James Gandolfini's body was flown home Sunday ahead of a funeral scheduled for this week at the Cathedral Church of Saint John the Divine in Manhattan.

A jet carrying Gandolfini's body touched down at Newark Liberty International Airport at

about 9:30 p.m., according to news reports. Flags in New Jersey are being flown at half-staff Monday in memory of the "Sopranos" star.

An HBO spokeswoman told NBC News that the funeral will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday at the Morningside Heights church.

Gandolfini, 51, died in Rome on Wednesday after he reportedly suffered a heart attack. He was on vacation with his 13-year-old son and planned to attend the Taormina Film Festival in Sicily on Saturday.

Farewell to a star

Gandolfini, 51, died in Rome after he reportedly suffered a heart attack.

The actor won three Emmys for his portrayal of Tony Soprano. He also acted in a number of films, with recent roles in "Killing Them Softly" and "Zero Dark Thirty."

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Fast food crime

Cops seek McDonald's robbers

Cops are searching for two men who robbed a Manhattan McDonald's at gunpoint.

The two suspects entered the McDonald's at 208 Varick St. at 4:30 a.m. Sunday, police said.

One robber displayed a gun as they demanded cash.

They got away with \$3,000, sources told the Post. **LAURA SHIN**

Kidnapped. Queens girl taken by father found safe in Tenn.

A 4-year-old girl who was allegedly snatched by her father in Queens on Friday was found in Memphis on Sunday, police said.

Giovanna Beck was found in good condition, cops said.

Her father, Michael Beck, was arrested and is awaiting extradition to New York.

Charges against Beck are pending. **LAURA SHIN**

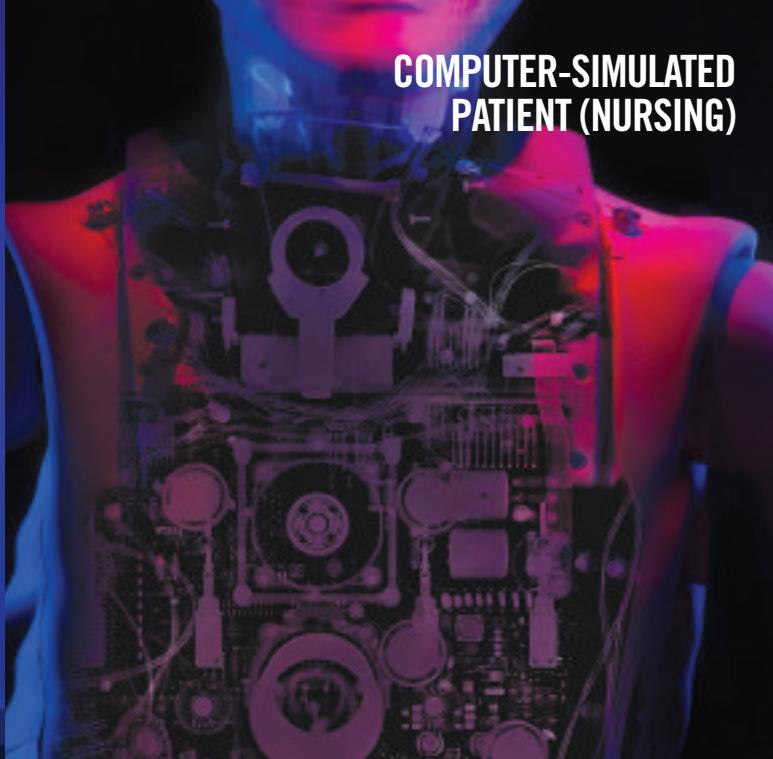


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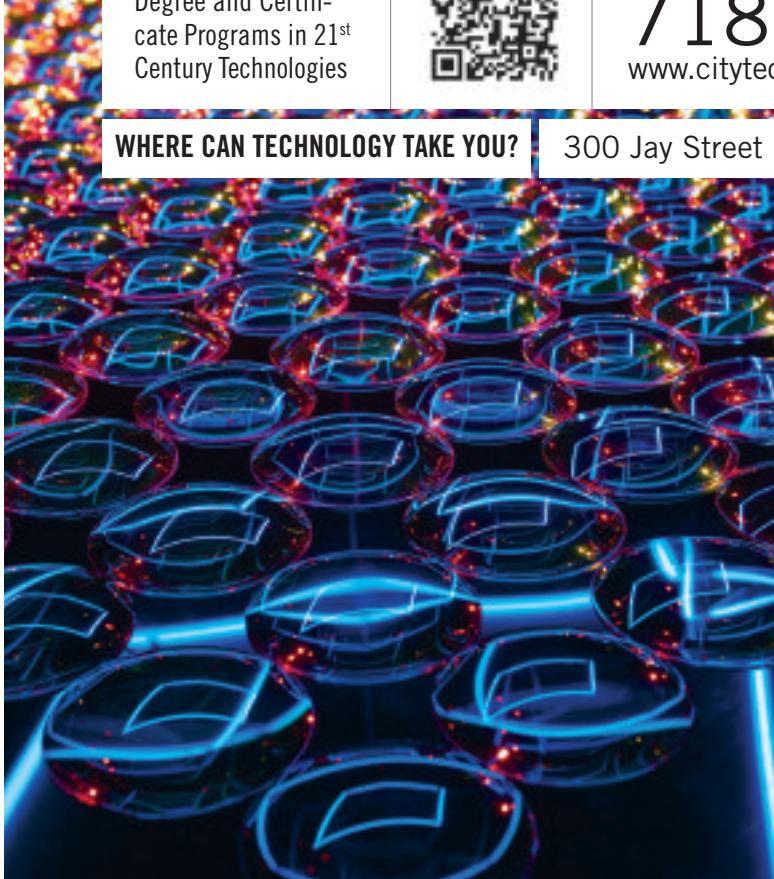
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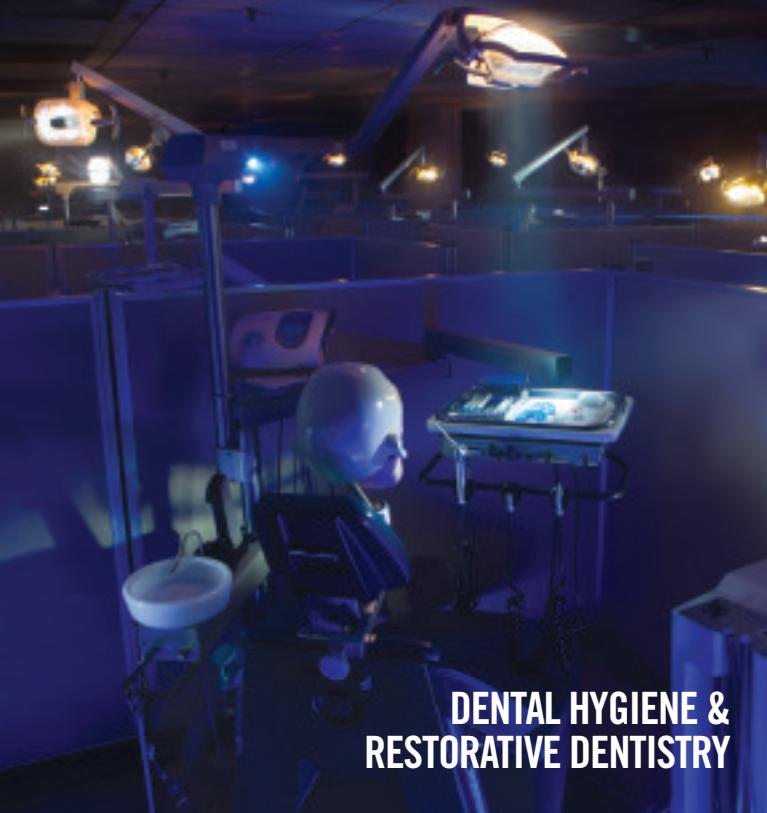


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Snowden whereabouts unknown as Russia resists US pressure

Safety. Since leaving Hong Kong, he's been looking for a country that can guarantee his security.

Edward Snowden's whereabouts were a mystery yesterday as Russia resisted White House pressure to send him back to the United States or stop him continuing on his journey to escape U.S. prosecution.

Snowden was allowed to leave Hong Kong on Sunday despite Washington asking the Chinese territory to arrest him on espionage charges.

Julian Assange, the founder of anti-secrecy group WikiLeaks which is assisting Snowden, said the 30-year-old had fled to Moscow en route to Ecuador

Not on board

All eyes on seat 17A as reporters head to Cuba

A plane load of journalists strapped themselves in for a \$2,000 flight from Moscow to Cuba with Edward Snowden.

Their first disappointment was that Snowden didn't show up. The second was that it was a booze-free flight.

and was in good health in a "safe place" but did not say where he was now.

There are no direct flights to Ecuador from Moscow, and reports that he would fly there via Cuba



Flight SU 150 to Havana docked to a boarding bridge at the Moscow Sheremetyevo airport yesterday. Edward Snowden was set to be on the flight, but was not. / GETTY IMAGES

were put in doubt when witnesses could not see him on the plane, despite tight security before take-off. A WikiLeaks spokesman muddied the waters by saying an approach had

also been made to Iceland for asylum.

Ecuador, which is already sheltering Assange at its London embassy, said it was considering Snowden's request for asy-

lum and that human rights were its main concern.

"He didn't take the flight [to Havana]," a source at Russia's national airline Aeroflot told Reuters.

REUTERS

Snowden papers

Ecuador gives a refugee document of passage

WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange said that Edward Snowden had received refugee papers from the Ecuador government to secure him safe passage as he fled Hong Kong.

"In relation to Hong Kong, Mr. Snowden was supplied with a refugee document of passage by the Ecuadorian government," Assange told reporters from inside the Ecuador embassy in London, where he has been himself hiding from arrest for more than a year. **REUTERS**

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SCOTUS. Affirmative action case sent back to Texas lower court

Supporters of affirmative action breathed a sigh of relief yesterday as the U.S. Supreme Court avoided a major ruling in a closely watched case on the racial admissions policy at the University of Texas — by sending it back to a lower court.

The case before the justices was brought by Abigail Fisher, a white suburban Houston student who asserted she was wrongly rejected by

the University of Texas at Austin while minority students with similar grades and test scores were admitted thanks to the admissions policy.

The court, on a 7-1 vote with Justice Elena Kagan not taking part, said an appeals court did not apply the correct standard in deciding whether the university's policy violated the U.S. Constitution's guarantee of equal protection.

REUTERS

Big rulings

U.S. high court has next session today

With some big rulings left in its waning nine-month term, including two on gay marriage and one on voting rights, the Su-

preme Court said it would convene again today to announce opinions.

Chief Justice John Roberts made the announcement after the court issued its opinions yesterday in five cases, leaving six more to be announced. REUTERS

Clash on shooter's motive in Trayvon Martin murder trial



Don West, a defense attorney for George Zimmerman, displays a photo of his client, from the night of the shooting. / GETTY IMAGES

Case. Zimmerman showed no emotion as he stared straight ahead and away from the prosecutor.

Jurors in a racially charged Florida murder trial heard sharply contrasting versions yesterday of who was the aggressor in a struggle that ended with the shooting death last year of unarmed black teenager Trayvon Martin by a volunteer neighborhood watchman.

In a fiery opening statement in a Seminole County courtroom, Assistant State Attorney John Guy said evidence would show that the accused murderer, George Zimmerman, had spun "a tangled web of lies" about the shooting in February 2012 in the central Florida town of Sanford.

As the trial opened in earnest after two weeks of

jury selection and evidentiary rulings, the prosecutor opened by bluntly quoting from Zimmerman's call to a police dispatcher after first spotting Martin.

"F---ing punks. These a---holes, they always get away," Guy repeated. Guy told the jury those were the "hate-filled words he used to describe a total stranger."

In the defense's opening statement, Zimmerman's lawyer, Don West, sought to paint a different picture, saying Zimmerman was "viciously attacked" by the teen. REUTERS

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"George Zimmerman did not shoot Trayvon Martin because he had to. He shot him for the worst of all reasons — because he wanted to."

Assistant State Attorney John Guy during his opening statement

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Somber. South Africans resigned over 'critical' Mandela



Wellwishes wait for news on the health of former South African President Nelson Mandela outside the Mediclinic heart hospital in Johannesburg yesterday. / GETTY IMAGES

South Africans adopted a mood of sombre resignation yesterday to the inevitability of saying goodbye to former president Nelson Mandela after the 94-year-old anti-apartheid leader's condition in hospital deteriorated to critical.

Madiba, as he is affectionately known, is revered among most of South Africa's 53 million people as the architect of the 1994 transition to multiracial democracy after three centuries of white domination.

However, his latest hospitalization — his fourth in six months — has reinforced a realization that the father of the post-apartheid "Rainbow Nation" will not be around forever.

President Jacob Zuma, who visited Mandela late on Sunday with African National Congress Deputy President Cyril Ramaphosa, reflected the national mood when he told a news conference that Mandela remained critical.

"All of us in the country must accept that Madiba is now old. As he ages, his health will trouble him," Zuma said, declining to give specific details about Mandela's medical condition or other information from his hospital visit.

U.S. President Barack Obama is due to visit South Africa this week as part of a three-country



Mandela in 2009 / GETTY IMAGES

Quoted

"We will miss him very much. He fought for us to give us freedom. We will remember him every day. When he goes I will cry."

Petunia Mafuyeka, a nurse going to work in Johannesburg

Africa tour, but Zuma said Mandela's worsening state of health should not affect the trip.

"Nothing is going to stop the visit, because Madiba is sick," Zuma said.

Mandela's daughter Makaziwe said the family was taking each day as it came and enjoying as much time as possible with a man who, to them, is simply a father, grandfather or great-grandfather.

REUTERS

Quoted

"He is at peace with himself. ... He has given so much to the world. I believe he is at peace." Mandela's daughter Makaziwe told CNN

Jail sentence

Italy court finds Berlusconi guilty on sex charges

Silvio Berlusconi was handed a seven-year jail sentence yesterday for abuse of office and paying for sex with a minor, adding to the complications facing Italy's fragile left-right government.

The former prime minister will not have to serve any jail time before he has exhausted an appeals process that could take years, but the conviction angered members of his centre-right party who questioned whether he should continue to support the coalition.

"An incredible sentence has been issued of a violence never seen or



Berlusconi / GETTY IMAGES

heard of before, to try to eliminate me from the political life of this country," Berlusconi said in a statement.

"Yet again I intend to resist against this persecution because I am absolutely innocent, and I don't want in any way to abandon my battle to make Italy a country that is truly free and just."

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Outreach begins. NFL's help sought in promoting Obamacare

The administration is seeking the help of sports organizations, including the National Football League, to persuade young and healthy Americans to sign up for medical insurance coverage later this year.

Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius said the federal government was in the midst of negotiations on advertising campaigns and

potential partnerships as part of an outreach effort that will intensify over the summer and early fall.

"The NFL, for instance, in the conversations I've had, has been very actively and enthusiastically engaged because they see health promotion as one of the things that is good for them and good for the country," Sebelius told reporters. **REUTERS**

Stricter standards

Texas House passes abortion restrictions

The Republican-controlled Texas House of Representatives gave preliminary approval early yesterday to sweeping restrictions on abortions, including a ban on

most after 20 weeks of pregnancy and stricter standards for clinics.

Supporters said it was needed to protect women's health and to keep fetuses from feeling pain, while opponents said it would cause nearly all the state's abortion clinics to close or be rebuilt. **REUTERS**

Health of children improves, but more living in poverty

States. New Hampshire, Vermont and Massachusetts topped the list for child well-being.

Families in the United States are making gains in education and health — two key factors in their overall well-being, a report showed — adding to data that suggests the U.S. economy is slowly rebounding from the recession.

Still, the latest findings on the state of children and their parents by the Annie E. Casey Foundation found many families continue to struggle with poverty amid a lack of steady work and affordable housing.

Nationwide, 16.4 million children, or 23 percent, were in families living in poverty in 2011, an increase from 15.7 million, or 22 percent, in 2010, and



Most states also saw more children with health insurance, improvements in birth weights and fewer youth deaths between 2005 and 2011. / GETTY IMAGES

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More than 29 million children had families that had to spend more than one-third of their income on housing.

3 million more than in 2005, the data showed.

The report, which focuses on children of all ages, is

closely watched by federal and state policymakers.

Overall, dozens of states saw more youth improve in reading, math and graduation rates since 2005, a key indicator of future economic well-being.

But signs also pointed to continued economic struggles.

Besides the increase in children in families living

at or below the official U.S. poverty line, almost one-third of American youth, or nearly 23.8 million, were in families where no parent had full-time, year-round employment, data showed.

New Hampshire, Vermont and Massachusetts topped the list for child well-being. Nevada, Mississippi and New Mexico had the lowest scores. **REUTERS**

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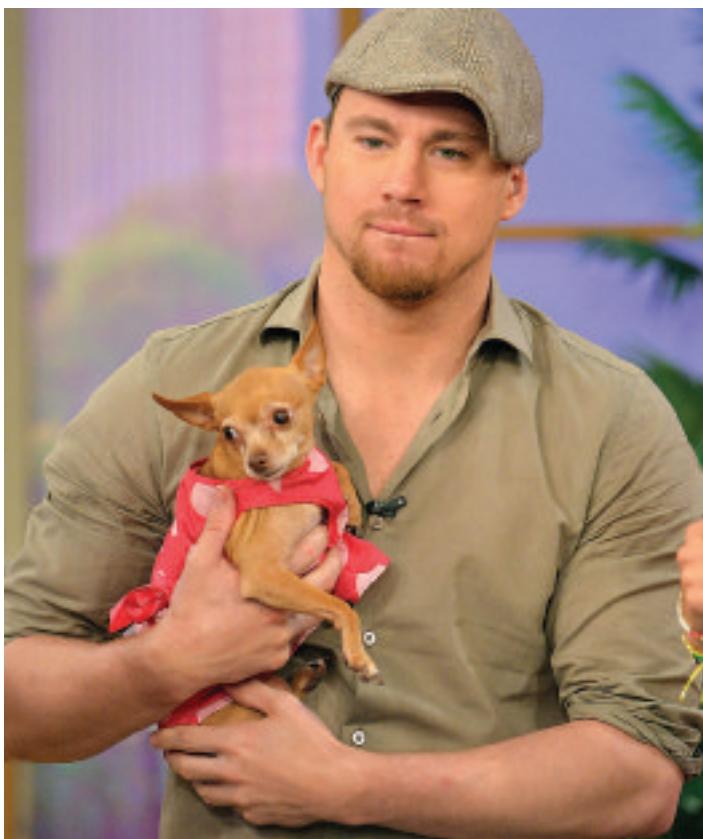
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Channing Tatum and his little dog

New dad Channing Tatum appeared alongside co-star Jamie Foxx to promote their new movie "White House Down" on Univision's Despierta America yesterday in Miami. I'm unsure what's going on with the Chihuahua dressed in pink, other than it's a good look for him.

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'Independence Day' seeks independence from main star

The first update to the 1996 smash hit "Independence Day" will be in theaters next year. Remember that movie? That was Will Smith, right?

Well, it was confirmed via director Roland Emmerich in an interview with the Daily News that he'll be overseeing the follow-up to the blockbuster, but without one certain bold-faced name.

"Will Smith cannot come back because he's too expensive, but he'd



also be too much of a marquee name," Emmerich said. "We have like, maybe half of the people that you would know from the first film (in the

script) and the other half ... are new."

According to Emmerich, the plan is to turn "Independence Day" into a franchise with two films currently in the works, entitled "ID Forever, Part 1" and "ID Forever, Part 2."

If launching a sequel 18 years after the original seems weird, it is. Emmerich agrees.

"We're not doing a total reboot; we're doing something that's totally unusual," he said.

Paula Deen to finally appear on 'Today'

Days after being a no-show on the "Today" show, Paula Deen will be on tomorrow. "She has told us she will be here this time," Matt Lauer said on-air yesterday morning in announcing Deen would appear.

To say that Deen has had quite the week is an understatement. The Food Network very publicly fired her on Friday after The National Enquirer revealed, via a



courtroom deposition, that she repeatedly used racial slurs. And yesterday, Smithfield Foods announced it dropped her as its spokeswoman.



CULTURE

Talking point

The name 'North West' explained

So there is actual sane reasoning behind Kanye West and Kim Kardashian naming their daughter North West. A report from TMZ says that Kim and Kanye believe North is "their highest point together as a couple ... the pinnacle of the relationship ... and they consider her their 'North Star.'"

That is adorable. But didn't they factor West's last name into this decision? That she is going to sound like a direction for her entire life? Where is the explanation for that?

THE WORD

Dorothy Robinson takes on the world of gossip.

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Jim Carrey distances self from 'Kick-Ass 2'



Well, here is a publicist's worst nightmare: Jim Carrey is publicly distancing himself from his upcoming super-violent comic book film, "Kick-Ass 2," in light of his recent anti-gun stance. "I did 'Kick-Ass' a month [before] Sandy Hook, and now in good conscience, I cannot support that level of violence," Carrey posted to Twitter. "My apologies to others [involved] with the film. I am not ashamed of it, but recent events have caused a change in my heart."



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Brad's Baby Bjorn

3 **Brad Pitt** had the perfect carry on, Knox

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Jolie-Pitt, on Jan. 27, 2009, in Japan.

lywood, Calif.

Daddy's little man

4 **Liev Schreiber** and son Alexander were seen on the streets of Manhattan on March 14, 2009.

Star power

5 **Mark Wahlberg** held his son during his star ceremony on The Hollywood Walk Of Fame on July 29, 2010, in Hol-

**2****Baby it like Beckham**

6 **David Beckham** posed with a young fan during his visit to Hangzhou Greentown club on Saturday in Hangzhou, China.

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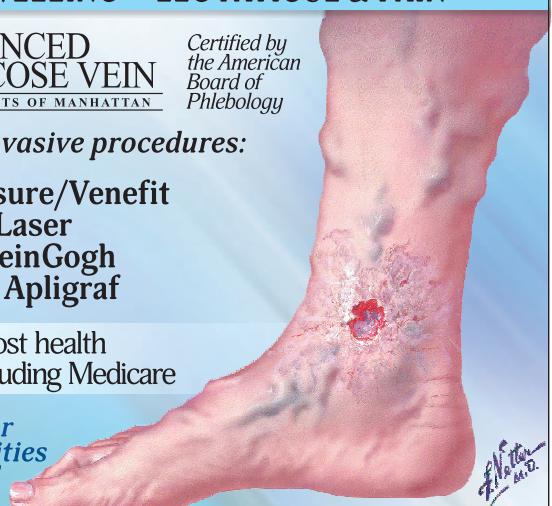
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TV watch list**OLD SCHOOL SITCOM****'Full House'**

Remember this episode? Michelle decides it's better to be a boy after her best friend (Tahj Mowry — what happened to that kid?) gets made fun of for being friends with her. Why were cornball family shows so much better in our childhoods? **8:30 P.M., NIK**

DRAMA**'The Haves and the Have Nots'**

We're not sure why we're just now getting around to noticing this show. But Tyler Perry apparently has a (Tyler Perry-presented, of course) dramatic television program on Oprah's network. Will somebody please make him stop it already?

9 P.M., OWN

Can you feel the love between these two 'Catfish' stars? / MTV

REALITY**REALITY****'Family S.O.S. with Jo Frost'**

In this episode of a reality show about families unable to handle their own business, the expert counsels a couple that can't discipline their three unruly adopted daughters. Perhaps they might have considered their lack of parenting skills before adopting all those kids?

9 P.M., TLC**'Catfish: The TV Show'**

The bromance begins anew when Nev and "cameraman" Max (10 to 1 there isn't any film in his camera) suss out the truth behind people's online paramours. We're actually not kidding when we say this: We're very excited this show is back.

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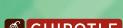
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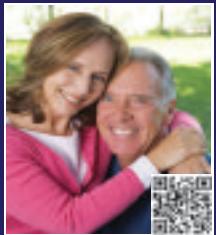
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Writing readings: Psychic twins see their roles differently

Fiction.

Curtis Sittenfeld gets a little clairvoyant with "Sisterland."

The author of "Prep" and "American Wife" brings us more deliciously detailed characters and their challenges, this time with twins anchoring the plot. In "Sisterland," out today, Kate and her sister Violet have what they call "senses" — what others consider being psychic or, at times, creepy. Kate is convinced it is the latter, and she strives to never be connected with psychic powers. Meanwhile, her sister makes her living performing readings. But the topic lurches to the forefront when Vi senses a huge earthquake will hit their St. Louis hometown, threatening not only to disrupt the carefully constructed suburban lifestyle Kate has with her husband and two children, but also to bring a city to its knees. Sittenfeld, who was inspired to write the plot after reading about a 1990 earthquake prediction, tells Metro about writing about psychic readings.

How did you decide to focus this book around having senses, which is what the characters call being psychic?

There is kind of this built tension when something is supposed to happen by a certain date. Either it happens, or it doesn't happen. After I heard about [the 1990 earthquake prediction], I thought it would be so interesting to think of what that time would be like, from the point of view of not the person who makes the prediction, but the person close to the person, that has an ambivalence about it.

Did anything surprise you while you were writing this?

One day, after I had fin-



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Curtis Sittenfeld is doing readings this week — not psychic readings, though. / JOSEPHINE SITTENFELD

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ished the book ... I went to this trinket store to get some stocking stuffers, and there happened to be a psychic giving readings in the back. It was a weekday in the suburbs, and I thought, "Oh my God, it's a sign. I'm meant to go sit down and have a reading." ... And then I look over and I see that there's a line of 10 people waiting to see her, and I was like, "There is no way I'm going to wait in line." Then I thought, "Was it a sign, or was it not a sign?" ... Things happen in your life and then you attribute meaning to them, so I was like, "This psychic is here to meet with me," and then I was like, "No, there's a huge line. This psychic is not here to

meet with me. I'm off to run my other errands."

What is your writing process, start to finish? Do you, for example, know where the characters will be at the end of the book?

For the most part, I write chronologically. ... As the book got longer and longer, I took every chapter and laid them out on the floor of the office. Each chapter was a stack of papers. Then I could see what was missing, I could realize I needed to insert something. It helped me because I could visually see it.

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European cities to see now

Destinations. With summer prices on the rise, everyone is eager to explore some places that are just starting to appear on many travelers' radars.

With up and coming spots in Europe as the focus, the editors and members of travel website VirtualTourist (www.virtualtourist.com) have compiled a list of the "Top Five European Cities To See Now."

1 LVIV, UKRAINE
Lviv, a city in Western Ukraine that's become a modern business hub, is the spot VirtualTourist members unanimously agreed is the top European city to see now. Many of its highlights are found in an incredibly compact central area, making it the perfect place to explore on a weekend

The market square of Lviv is perfect for exploring on a weekend. / TOP PHOTO GROUP

jaunt. Start in Rynok Square, the center of city, which is surrounded by almost 50 unique architectural monuments including the Kornyakt Palace, a Renaissance landmark. Visitors can't miss the Lviv Opera House, a Neo-Renaissance treasure that is often compared to opera houses of Paris and Vienna. In July, the city hosts "Night Lviv," a festival that includes over 100 night tours and theatrical performances, like a fire show, late into the night.

HAMBURG, GERMANY Located in Northern Germany on the Elbe River, Hamburg has been overshadowed by Berlin for far too long. With the diversity of being Germany's second largest city and the outdoor opportunities of a metropolis on the water, Hamburg is primed for a great tourism boom in coming years. Providing both small-town qualities and big-city growth, you can stroll along Jungfernstieg on Alster Lake just as families have

done throughout history or check out the city's concert hall-in-the-making, Elbphilharmonie Hamburg.

3 VILNIUS, LITHUANIA Home to the largest Baroque old town in Eastern and Central Europe, Lithuania's capital is a great destination for travelers interested in architecture. The Church of St. Peter and St. Paul is a Baroque masterpiece, with close to 2,000 stucco figures inside, and the pink facade of the

Church of Saint Catherine makes it difficult to miss. Multiple VirtualTourist members recommend visiting St. John's Church and its bell tower, and while Vilnius is famous for Baroque buildings, the Gothic St. Anne's Church is also a must-see.

PLUS

Number five

Porto, Portugal

Built into the hillsides that rise above the Douro River, Porto has long been a favorite amongst VirtualTourist travelers. Favorite spots include strolling the Ribeira district along the waterfront, visiting the Cathedral or the Sao Bento railway station, and stopping by the Lello bookshop. Rem Koolhaas' Casa da Musica hosts classical music concerts every Sunday at noon for less than 10 Euros.

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tain states, like Georgia and Maryland, also offer

Junior Ranger programs in their state parks.

Get picking at a fruit festival

Summer is ripe with fruit festivals, with lots of favorites — like cherries, peaches and blueberries — in season. Grab a basket to fill up on pie-filling favorites. Many festivals also have hay rides, bike rodeos and concerts. At the National Cherry Festival in Traverse City, Mich., you can even participate in a cherry pit spitting contest. If you go to the Hopkins Raspberry Festival in Minnesota, don't forget to hunt for the golden raspberry.



The National Mustard Museum hosts its "tribute to the king of condiments" on Aug. 3, National Mustard Day. / PROVIDED

Visit an oddball museum or factory

Surprise your kids with a museum visit they'll never forget. The National Mustard Museum in Middleton, Wis., for example, has more than 5,500 jars of mustard that make up The Great Wall of Mustard. Or,

milk a mechanical cow and enjoy all the free ice cream samples you can eat at the Turkey Hill Experience in Lancaster, Pa. Interesting museums lurk around every corner, so find one close to you to give your kids a far-from-everyday family outing. Other offbeat favorites include the SPAM Museum in Austin, Minn.



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Menswear is becoming all about women. A growing band of female designers are changing the way men dress.

For centuries men have dominated the fashion houses with their ideas about how women should look. But a growing band of women designers are getting a little of what's owed, tackling menswear with radical approaches and immense talents. It's about time, too.

From Sarah Burton's twisted creations for Alexander McQueen to swaggering new kids like Katie Eary, Martine Rose and Astrid Andersen, most of the collections unveiled during London's recent menswear shows had women designers at the helm. The redressing of gender imbalance is laudable, but how does it impact the clothes on the runway and, ultimately, what men wear?

Andersen believes that the increased numbers of women designing for men was inevitable. After all, she says, "Women know how they want men to dress."

But that's not the whole story.

"The best designers have their own unique aesthetic. And whether that is women designing for men, it is the aesthetic that counts," argues Terry Betts, buying manager at MrPorter.com.



Sarah Burton's Alexander McQueen S/S '14 show was a standout during the collections. / CATWALKING.COM

Analysis

Fringe benefits

Perhaps their "outsider" status makes it easier for women to question the norms of men's fashion with objectivity.

"The perceived restrictions on menswear make it much more interesting to play with," says designer Martine Rose, who considers Prince her dream client. Andersen, whose signature look combines hip-hop references with feminine color and fabric, agrees: "What I love with menswear is that there is no escaping functionalism, but with womenswear there are always loopholes."

signature tailoring. The results didn't feel girly at all.

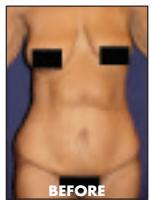
In the Internet age, men are bombarded with images of musicians and athletes wearing items direct from the catwalk as never before. While lace suits might not be for everyone, this liberated approach has a trickle-down effect and this means, according to Betts, "Men are definitely willing to take more risks."

Of course it's not just female designers who are doing this. J.W. Anderson's training as a womenswear designer sees him push boundaries with proportion and fabric in his menswear, and his fall collection featured macho male models striding the runway in leather dresses and frilly hot pants.

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Sneak math into summer activities



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Learning. Help your child find out, 'Are we there yet?'

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Surreptitiously relating everything to math helps children use their noggin's in the summertime, suggests Glen Whitney, co-founder and co-executive director at Manhattan's Museum of

Mathematics.

"Summer's a great opportunity, if you're out doing things, to make math more connected with the world," he says.

Whitney says summer can be a prime time to sneak math into warm-weather activities, from a routine summer family road trip to a baseball game.

"Kids are naturally curious, and they want to be able to figure out things," he says. "They want to figure out how long it's going to take me to save up for that skateboard."

Whitney gave Metro five ways to sneak math into summer activities.

far away you are and how long it will take to reach your destination. This may also be a chance to invoke the "when I was your age" card: "When I was a kid, you had to look at the little numbers on the map and look them up," he recalls. "Now, you don't have to do that any more."

Bring children along while you shop for a camping trip or barbecue

Explain the budget and, as you approach the checkout, ask them to tabulate a rough estimate of how much everything will cost.

Point out shapes

If you are in the city, for example, ask kids what shapes they see. A building could be a rectangle,

and a roof could be a triangle, to name a few. This introduces kids to, or helps them keep up with, basic geometry.

Play the 24 game

Look at the numbers on different license plates and ponder how they might add up to 24. For example, with a license plate of 2261, a child could put together that two times two is four, which equals 24 when multiplied by six.

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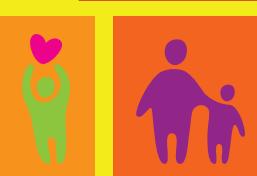
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Finding hidden gems can take on new meaning

Tech. An app offers a learning adventure for free to NYC families.

After school lets out, it can be tough for parents to keep their children in learning mode.

One startup wants to make sure that children embark on a summer adventure while keeping their brains active and learning about the city they call home.

"During the summer, up to 84 percent of school children lose some knowledge, or even grade-level equivalency, known as the 'summer

slide,'" explains Avi Millman, co-founder of city tour app Stray Boots.

Stray Boots partnered with local college prep program KIPP NYC and its KIPP Through College program earlier this month to give middle and high school students the first chance to experience an interactive tour of the city.

The event was the beginning of a larger campaign, in which the tech startup company is giving away a tour for free to any New York City family with a middle or high school student.

With the use of a cellphone, families can set out on an interactive tour throughout the

city, discovering fun facts and trivia along the way. The app brings users to well-known areas including Wall Street, Union Square, Bryant Park and Times Square.

"Our tours use game mechanics to take people from point to point, so kids have the opportunity to explore and learn about the city they live in through a scavenger-hunt like experience," Millman says. "In the process, they learn tons of things about history, art, architecture, culture and much more without even realizing it."

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New York City students try out the scavenger hunt. / MICHAEL MURPHY

Hidden city

Fun NYC facts in the tour:

- In 1918, Robert Ripley had a weekly cartoon in the New York Globe publicizing odd facts. At their peak, they were read by 80 million people per day.
- Producer Brock Pemberton came up with the Tony Award during lunch at Sardi's in 1946. It's named in honor of his partner, Antoinette Perry.
- The Naked Cowboy in Times Square began busking in Venice Beach in 1997. He's made cameos in national ad campaigns and has been featured in several documentaries.
- "Damn Yankees" was the first successful sports-based Broadway play. It was performed 1,019 times, made into a movie and then brought back to Broadway.
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Cancer | June 21-July 22.
Be alert for some material opportunities since you could gain from a situation initiated by another.

Leo | July 23-Aug. 22.
Upon first hearing, some of your mate's ideas might sound outlandish, but after careful evaluation, you might judge them to be much more clever than you thought.

Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22.
This is a good day to try out a new method or system you've been contemplating for some time.

Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22.
Strive to fulfill your social obligations, especially if they could lead you to some new people. You could meet someone very interesting.

Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21.
A situation of importance that hasn't been going your way recently could take a turn for the better.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21.
There could be good reason why someone has been lingering in your thoughts. Get in touch with him or her.

Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan. 20.
You could be in a fortunate cycle where your finances and material interests are concerned.

Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb. 18.
You're a quick thinker, and your spontaneous notions are likely to be very good. Be prepared to act promptly.

Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20.
There's a good chance that you could reap some rewards from a past good deed. This remuneration may come about from someone else.

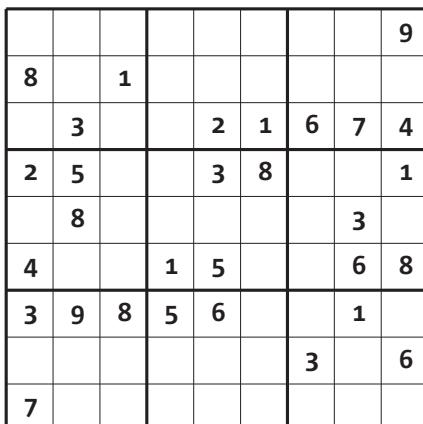
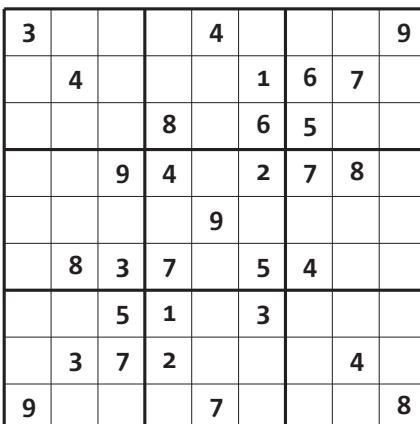
Aries | March 21-April 19.
One of your greatest successes is likely to come from a new interest. In your case, new will be better.

Taurus | April 21-May 21.
Initially, you could be unsure when you find yourself challenged by a unique development.

Gemini | May 22-June 20.
Things in general should go much more smoothly for you than of late, owing to a constructive change of attitude. You'll now be able to see positive possibilities.

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Sudoku: Easy and hard



Crossword

Across

- 1 Held one's own
- 6 "Gold" or "black" ender
- 11 Infuriated
- 14 Defense ploy
- 15 Sun, in combos
- 16 "Honest" fellow
- 17 Bougs
- 18 Talk, talk, talk (2 wds.)
- 20 — -eared bunny
- 21 Shape or form
- 23 Desist
- 24 Post of etiquette
- 26 Intended
- 28 Put into words
- 30 Reserves a flight
- 31 Undersized pups
- 32 Pomme de —
- 33 Lightning by-product
- 36 Pointed arch
- 37 Welsh dog
- 38 Lectern
- 39 TV knob
- 40 Fish-like
- 41 Oldie "Stupid" —
- 42 Burn slightly
- 43 Thick liquids
- 44 Dwindles
- 47 Broadcast again
- 48 Sighed with relief
- 49 Daughters' brothers
- 50 Tooth pro's deg.

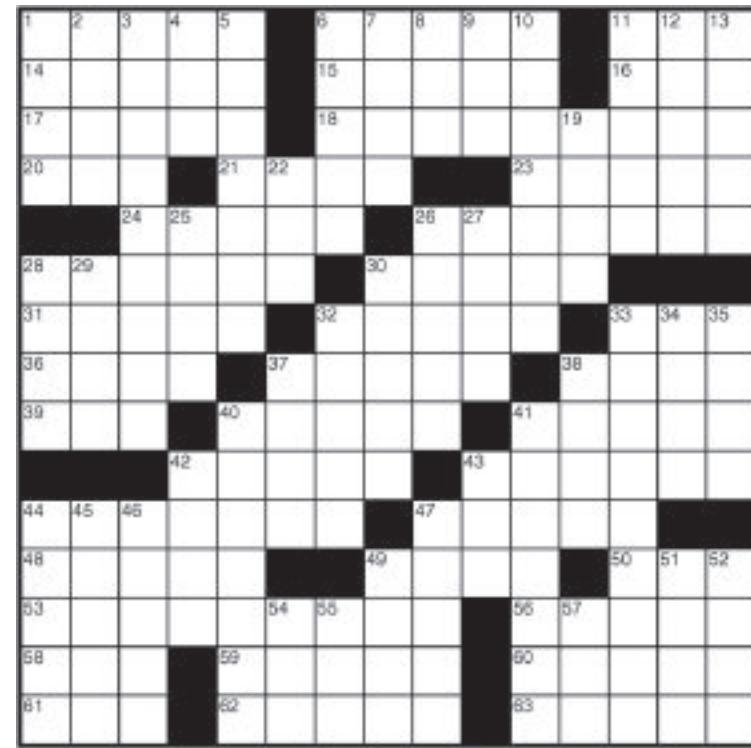
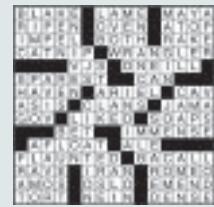
- 53 Impasses
- 56 Moron
- 58 Pipe bend
- 59 Arsenio's buddy
- 60 Pat's cohost
- 61 Do batik
- 62 Sacks out
- 63 Psychic — Cayce

Down

- 1 Phone
- 2 Jumble
- 3 "The Scarlet —"
- 4 Diminish
- 5 Brush aside
- 6 Timidly
- 7 Beowulf's drink
- 8 Sort
- 9 Dressy accessory
- 10 Flapjack
- 11 Uxmal resident
- 12 Humble
- 13 Faked out the goalie
- 19 Desires
- 22 Yea, to a matador
- 25 Spouse
- 26 Gershwin hero
- 27 Petty or Loughlin
- 28 B.C. or N.S.
- 29 Sci-fi award
- 30 European capital (var.)
- 32 Kitchen tool

- 33 About to happen
- 34 NYC theater award
- 35 Drowses off
- 37 Film
- 38 Mystique
- 40 Square dance musician
- 41 Handwritten
- 42 Kind of pearl
- 43 Coop
- 44 Hit the ceiling
- 45 Bright and —
- 46 Atacama Desert locale
- 47 — are red ...
- 49 Comedy routine
- 51 Lady of Spain
- 52 Black hole, once
- 54 Keats opus
- 55 LP successors
- 57 Parent

Yesterday's answer



Letters

'Tolerant' should practice what they preach

Which process is more likely to lead us to objective truth? Option one: Read that someone who heard voices long ago disapproved of shrimp and gay people. Declare one opinion to be absolute truth. Done. Option two: Consider what premises seem likely to be true. Reason carefully about what conclusions follow from those premises. Re-examine whether it still seems likely that the premises are true. Repeat indefinitely. I know which approach I'm more optimistic about.

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Red Bulls hit big time thanks to new facility

MLS. The elite training grounds are a big step up for the club.

After 18 years of roving the tri-state area looking for a home of their own, the Red Bulls settled into a brand new practice facility last week in New Jersey, the latest move west for a team that still includes New York on its crest.

For the team's international players, the facility is among the best they've seen. Peguy Luyindula, who recently played for European giant Paris Saint-Germain, was impressed with the facility as a whole and the fields in particular.

"We have the stadium,

which is beautiful, and then you have this facility," Luyindula said. "I was talking to the coach yesterday and telling him that even at PSG we don't have this."

Head coach Mike Petke, who had two terms as a player before becoming head coach this past off-season, remembers some of the bad fields this team has practiced on in the past.

"It's great, it makes me excited to come to work. ... When you look around here, I really don't have any words," Petke said. "I never thought it would happen, like I didn't think the stadium would happen. ... I'm honored, privileged."

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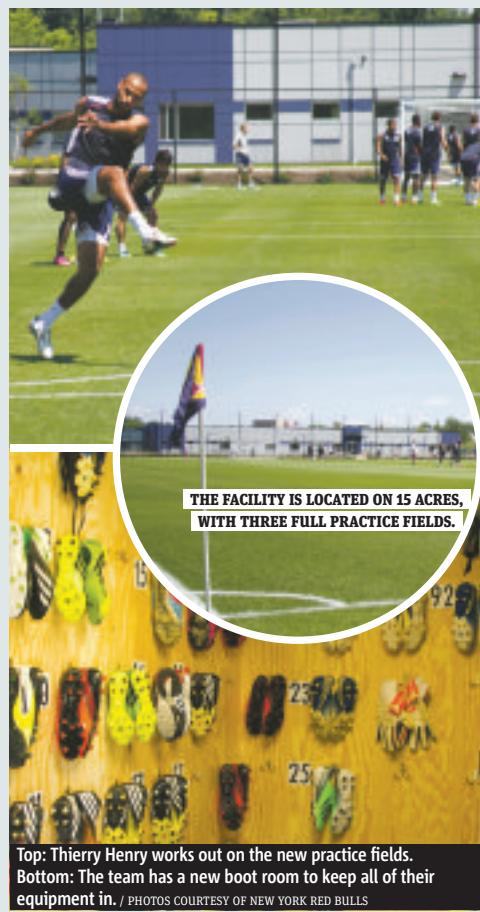
Training facility

Red Bulls step up in class

The facility gives the team a sense of stability. Since their inception in 1996 as the MetroStars, the organization has been a nomad of sorts.

They trained at Kean University in Union, N.J., for the first few years, then on a temporary grass field outside Giants Stadium, and eventually at Montclair State University at small facility in the corner of campus.

In Hanover, N.J., there are three fields, one of which is lit for night play and one which is heated to allow training in the winter. The Kentucky bluegrass is pristine and there are administrative offices as well as a full fitness center, a physio area with ice tubs, a visiting locker room for other teams to use and a complete player lounge with an outside patio area — not to mention a theater room to review game film. KRISTIAN DYER



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Bad news

Teixeira still feeling pain

Mark Teixeira's wrist is not feeling any better, and that's bad news for the Yankees.

Teixeira had a cortisone shot last week. GM Brian Cashman told ESPN he was "trying to work through it," but surgery is a possibility. METRO

Early exit

Nadal bounced in first round

Many people's pick to win Wimbledon wasn't even able to get out of the first round yesterday.

Rafael Nadal, coming off a dominant French Open win, lost in straight sets to unknown Belgian Steve Darcis, 7-6 (4), 7-6 (8), 6-4. Nadal had never



Nadal had won 22 straight matches before yesterday.
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lost in the opening round of a major.

Much of the discussion entering the major was about the No. 5 seeding of Nadal — a perceived slight due only to his seven-month injury absence last year. He was installed at 7/4 odds to win the tournament, second only to No. 1 seed Novak Djokovic. METRO

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Lopez has surgery for foot injury

NBA. The Nets big man underwent surgery to repair a bent screw.

The Nets' offseason has been focused largely on what's happening with their coaching staff. Now, new head coach Jason Kidd has his first reason for concern.

The team announced yesterday that center Brook Lopez underwent surgery on his right foot to repair a bent screw. The damaged screw was discovered in a physical after the season ended.

Lopez will not be able to resume basketball activities until August.

Lopez originally fractured his foot in December 2011 in a preseason game against the Knicks.

But general manager Billy King is not concerned. After missing seven games in December

Draft news

This year's draft is regarded as thin, but there is an abundance of experienced players likely available to the Nets at No. 22.

- "It's better because guys are more polished, and you know more who they are," King said. "They may not be a franchise guy, but they could be a good piece."

with a right foot sprain, Lopez played in every game except for April 15 against Washington, when he was resting for the playoffs.

"For me, I don't have any concern because it wasn't something that he had pain with," King said. "It wasn't like he was prevented from playing."

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Brook Lopez was an All Star for the first time in his career last season. / AFP, GETTY IMAGES

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